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City of Barrie

Final

Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 | **4:00 PM** | **Council Chambers/Virtual Meeting**

INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT
For consideration by General Committee on March 20, 2024.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor, B. Hamilton at 4:27 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 4 - Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Councillor, B. Hamilton
Councillor, N. Nigussie
Councillor, C. Riepma

Absent: 1 - Mayor, A. Nuttall

ALSO PRESENT:
Councillor, C. Nixon
Councillor, AM, Kungl
Councillor, A. Courser
Councillor, G. Harvey
Councillor, J. Harris.

STAFF:
Associate Director of Waste Management and Environmental Sustainability, S. Mack
Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Deputy City Clerk, T. McArthur
Director of Economic and Creative Development, S. Schlichter
Director of Legal Services, I. Peters
Director of Recreation and Culture Services, D. Bell
Executive Director of Development Services, M. Banfield
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, B. Araniyasundaran
Legislative Coordinator, T. Maynard
Manager of Parks Planning, K. Bradley
Public Art Coordinator, C. Ryan
Senior Policy Advisor and Special Projects Coordinator, E. Chappell

Service Desk Generalist, K. Kovacs.

The Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

PRESENTATION CONCERNING A PUBLIC ART PORTFOLIO UPDATE

Carol Ann Ryan, Public Art Coordinator provided a presentation concerning a Public Art Portfolio Update.

Ms. Ryan discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The background of the Barrie Public Art Program and Barrie Public Art Committee
- The role of the Barrie Public Art Committee;
- Barrie Public Art program highlights illustrating art works throughout the City;
- Correlation with Council's Strategic Priorities;
- The objectives of the Economic and Creative Development Department;
- The role of the Public Art Coordinator;
- The Brightening Barriers Program - 2023;
- The Sea Serpent maintenance - 2023;
- The Art on Transit Program - 2023;
- The Artist Designed Traffic Cabinet Wraps - 2023;
- The selected artwork for the new Barrie Allandale Transit Terminal;
- Highlights of the 2024 public art projects;
- The 2024 new Seeds to Sow temporary site-specific art exhibition and the benefit for the community; and
- The next steps to building a future for public art in the municipality.

Members of Committee asked a number of questions of Ms. Ryan and received responses.

PRESENTATION CONCERNING THE SANDBOX CENTRE, A REVIEW OF 2023 AND THE REIMAGINED PATH FORWARD

Dina Tzirakos-Hawker, Managing Director of the Sandbox provided a presentation concerning the Sandbox Centre, A Review of 2023 and the Reimagined Path Forward.

Ms. Tzirakos-Hawker discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The background of the Sandbox Centre;
- The team members of the Sandbox Centre;
- The goals and objectives of the centre;
- The 2023 strategic highlights and impacts of the centre such as the following:
  - Leadership Transition;
  - Software Optimization;
  - High School Collaboration;
  - Market Research and Expansion Strategy; and
  - Vision and Participation Engagement .
- The 2023 successful programs of the centre;
- The Sandbox Centres approach and direction for 2024;
- The 2024 sponsorship, partnerships and memberships;
- The Sandbox Centres 2024 programming;
- An example of the Sandbox Centres new technology program; and
- Testimonials from members of the Sandbox Centre.

Members of Committee asked a number of questions of Ms. Tzirakos-Hawker, City staff and received responses.

REPORT OF THE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED DECEMBER 5, 2023

The Report of the Arts Advisory Committee dated December 5, 2023, was received. (File: C05)

REPORT OF THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE DATED FEBRUARY 1, 2024

The Report of the Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee dated February 1, 2024, was received. (File: C05)

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE DATED FEBRUARY 13, 2024

The Report of the Communities in Bloom Committee dated February 13, 2024, was received. (File: C05)

The Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "B"

AMENDMENT TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND FUNDING FOR THE POET LAUREATE PROGRAM

1. That the additions to the Poet Laureate Terms of Reference as presented on slide 15 of the presentation to the Arts Advisory Committee dated December 5, 2023, be accepted as amended as follows for the term of the current Poet Laureate, with annual reporting to Council via memorandum of program activities:

   a) To remove the Chief Librarian/Library CAO, a Poet Laureate from another community, and a municipal culture staff person from the Poet Laureate Selection Committee and replace them with three (3) members of Council; and

   b) That the Term for the Poet Laureate be changed from 4 years to 2 years, starting with the next term of Council.

2. That the annual stipend for the Poet Laureate be increased to $2,500 with an additional $1,500 provided annually to fund a poetry-focused public event or community poetry project, hosted by the current Poet Laureate, and up to $250 provided for kilometre reimbursement for travel related to serving the Poet Laureate role with pre-approval being given by the Economic and Creative Development Department.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/20/2024.

SECTION "C"

DEVELOPMENT OF DISC GOLF PLAN

1. That staff in the Parks Planning Branch investigate the feasibility of developing new disc golf infrastructure including on the City-owned land at Park Place and/or other City-owned properties with the related costing and include consultation with the broader disc golf community (e.g. the Barrie Disc Golf Club, etc.) and report back on the results of the investigation to General Committee.

2. That staff in the Parks Planning Branch also investigate the feasibility of updating the Parks Strategic Plan in 2025 with related costing and report back on the results of the investigation to General Committee. (Item for Discussion 8.1, March 6, 2024) (Sponsor: Councillor, J. Harris)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/20/2024.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

CHAIRMAN